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Application No.: 10/052,376	: Group Art Unit: 2616 )
Filed: January 23, 2002	
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) JP 11-177436
- (2) JP 8-084331

These documents were cited in an Office Action for a counterpart Japanese

application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of documents (1) and (2) are enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance is believed to be provided by the English-language

abstracts.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together

with a Request For Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, it is believed that this

Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the

Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent

determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally,

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